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Reply to 10/12/04 Office Action

Customer No. 41,230

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Douglas U. Mennie et al.
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Dear Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was January 12, 2005. Applicants have enclosed a petition for extension of time to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2004 one (1) month, from January 12, 2005 to February 12, 2005. In response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

The Applicants' **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.